

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	<b>Van Tassel et. al</b>	Examiner:	<b>Vy Q. Bui</b>
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Title	<b>Filter Apparatus for Ostium of Left Atrial Appendage</b>		

**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313

This is responsive to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 16, 2010. Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully solicited in view of the following amendments and remarks.